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PATENT APPLICATION

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EXAMINER: NASSER AHMAD

In re application of:)
John P. Downs et al.)
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Application No: 10/770,139)
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Filed: February 2, 2004)
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Attorney Docket No.)
5398-CIP-CON3)

For: THERMOPLASTIC ADHESIVE
DISPENSING METHOD AND
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2005, a Request for Continuing Examination ("RCE") and a request for an extension of time of two months are being filed together with this Amendment.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two months to respond to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, on the above-identified application. This extension extends the time to respond from August 23, 2005, to October 23, 2005, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity, which is a \$225.00 extension fee for response within two months.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Amendment Under Rule 1.111, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment.